



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0082

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Akihiko MARUYAMA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/979,558) Examiner: Diana B. Johannsen
Int'l Filing Date: May 25, 2000)
§ 371 Requirements Satisfied Date: March 18, 2002)
For: DNA, DNA PROBES, AND METHODS FOR)
DETECTING NOVEL PSYCHROTROPHIC)
BACTERIUM (as amended))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of September 9, 2003. Please charge the extension fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Please grant any extensions of time required to file this application and charge any additional required extension fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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